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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled. New claims 20 and 21 have been added. Claims 2-21 remain in this application for further prosecution.

Claim 19 is rejected as having minor informalities. Applicant has amended claim 19 to correct these informalities.

Claim 2 has been amended by adding a full stop "." at the end of the claim.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kemp (U.S. Patent No. 5,316,594).

Claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is moot.

Applicants have amended claims 4-9, 11, 13 and 15 to depend from claim 2, which is allowed. Therefore, claims 4-9, 11, 13 and 15 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants have added new claims 20 and 21.

New claim 20 is equivalent to the allowable claim 5 written in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and, as such, is allowable.

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Similarly, new claim 21 is equivalent to the allowable claim 13 written in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, claim 21 is also allowable.

Accordingly, claims 2-21 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims, namely claims 2-21, which include the newly presented claims 20 and 21, are patentable for at least the reasons set forth above.

Accordingly, reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 2-21 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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